Annual Report on CVC

839. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are placing the annual report of the Central Vigilance Commission for discussion before the Parliament soon;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The last annual report of the Central Vigilance Commission for the year 1997 has already been laid on the Table of the House on 11.3.1999.

Bill on Right to Information

840. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Press Council of India has drafted a bill on the right to information;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to circulate the bill to elicit views of villagers; and

(c) the steps proposed to enlighten village about minimum wages, women's rights and environmental issues'

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) With a view to introduce greater transparency and openness in the functioning of Government and public bodies, the Government had, in January, 1997, constituted a Woking Group on